

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

Case Management / Electronic Case Filing

URGENT CM/ECF UPDATE

April 11, 2005

Our court has just been notified that our request for a new Linux server upgrade has been approved by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. While this will postpone our current CM/ECF implementation date of June 1, 2005, the delay is well worth the wait! The new operating system will provide us with state of the art equipment, enhanced processing speed and will accommodate Version 3 of the CM/ECF software. Version 3 includes approximately 100 enhancements to functionality and will also be configured to accommodate changes mandated by the pending bankruptcy reform legislation expected to become law this month.

We do not yet have confirmation as to when the new equipment will arrive, but we anticipate it will be delivered in June or July 2005. Once the equipment is received the court's IT staff has to prepare and test the machine which will take several months. As soon as we receive the equipment we will announce a new estimated "go live date" but we anticipate it will be in the Fall. In the interim, previously scheduled training for panel trustees and court staff will remain on track, since there are minimal changes to the CM/ECF software which will affect external users.

The CM/ECF External User's Guide, Web Based Tutorials (WBTs), Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and other training resources are available for viewing and downloading on our website, www.flsb.uscourts.gov under the CM/ECF link. We encourage you to visit our website for up-to-date information and to become familiar with the training resource material and requirements and view the brief video "*CM/ECF The Attorney's Perspective.*" Our "*CM/ECF for Attorneys*" classroom course has been approved for 5 CLE credits by The Florida Bar. Once we determine our new "go live date" we will resume our external training initiatives and publish an on-line training registration calendar.

We are working hard to make this transition a smooth and successful experience and appreciate your patience and support during this challenging time for our court. For more information about CM/ECF please do not hesitate to contact our Project Manager, Joe Falzone at 305/714-1894 or our IT Director & Back-up Project Manager, Erwin Ruiz at (305) 714-1855. You may also email us at our CM/ECF Help Desk address: CMECF_support@flsb.uscourts.gov